Making His Way With Words

As a poet, novelist, and popular lecturer, Paul Laurence Dunbar used his extraordinary way with words to achieve international fame. In just ten years, Dunbar rose from a job running a downtown Dayton elevator to receiving an invitation to President McKinley's inauguration.

In 1903, the 30-year-old author returned to his hometown after a decade of living in New York, Washington, D.C., and Denver. In 1891, Dunbar had been the sole African American graduate at Dayton's Central High School, where he was a classmate and friend of Orville Wright.

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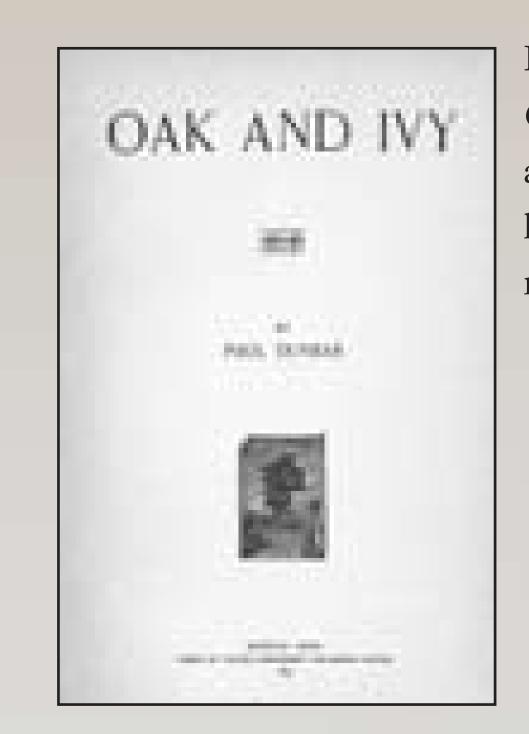
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At the age of 18, Dunbar began a newspaper for African Americans, the *Dayton Tattler*. Wilbur and Orville Wright printed the paper at their nearby print shop.



Dunbar's first published book of poems,

Oak and Ivy, sold for a dollar each. When

asked why such a small book had such a

hefty price, he replied, "A book sells on its

merits, sir, not on its size."



